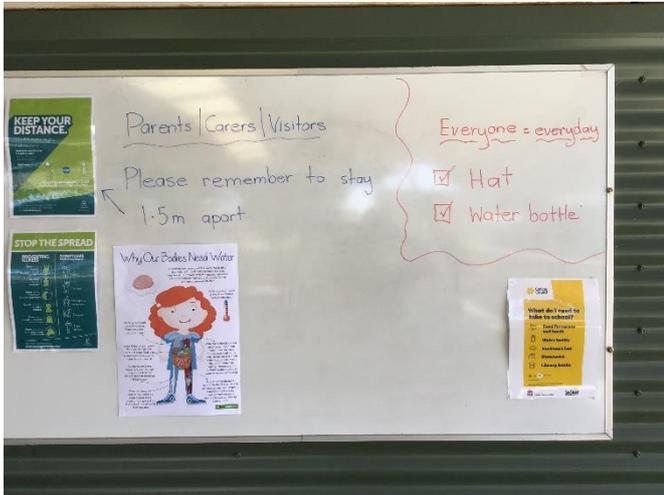
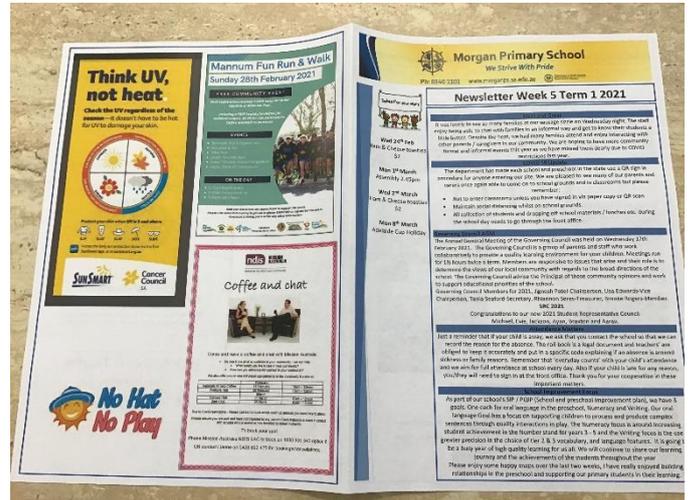




Sun Protection Policy– Evidence 2021



Signs



Newsletters



Wearing hats at sports day and sitting under portable shade



Shade blind used in the summer months where students line up



Shaded outside classroom area



Shaded playground



Sun protection in schools and early childhood education services

Purpose

All department school sites and early childhood education and care services must have a sun protection policy in effect for school terms 1, 3 and 4 and whenever ultra violet (UV) radiation levels reach 3 or above. Sites must inform the school community including employees, students, parents and volunteers of the sun protection policy. Children and young people are encouraged to be responsible for their own sun protection.

Using sun protection

The school uses a combination of sun protection measures for all outdoor activities on and off site **during terms 1, 3 and 4 (or 1 August to 30 April** and when the UV radiation level is 3 and above at other times, including:

Clothing

Sun protective clothing is included in the school uniform/dress code and sports uniform. The clothing is cool, loose fitting and made of closely woven fabric. It includes shirts with collars and elbow length sleeves, longer style dresses and shorts and rash tops or t-shirts for outdoor swimming.

Sunscreen

The school provides students and staff with SPF 30 or higher broad spectrum, water resistant sunscreen. If students have allergies to sunscreen families will provide suitable sunscreen.

Sunscreen is applied at least 20 minutes before going outdoors and reapplied every two hours if remaining outdoors.

Strategies are in place to remind students to apply sunscreen before going outdoors (e.g. verbal reminders)

Families with children who have naturally very dark skin are encouraged to discuss their vitamin D requirements with their GP or pediatrician.

Hat

All students and staff are required to wear hats that protect their face, neck and ears e.g. Bucket hat or broad brimmed whenever they are outside. Baseball or peak caps are not acceptable.

Shade

Care is taken during the peak UV radiation times, and outdoor activities are scheduled outside of these times or in the shade where possible. Sports days and other outdoor events to be held during the cooler months or earlier in the day where practical.

Students are encouraged to use available areas of shade when outside.

Students who do not have appropriate hats or clothing are asked to stay in the shade or a suitable area protected from the sun (eg. outdoor classroom area).

Curriculum

Programs on skin cancer prevention are included in the curriculum for all year levels.

Sun Smart behaviour is regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community through newsletters, school website, Seesaw, staff meetings, school assemblies, student and teacher activities and in student enrolment packs.

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WH & S and role modelling:

For Work Health and Safety and role modelling, when the UV is 3 and above, staff are required to practice SunSmart behaviours including wearing sun protective clothing, sunscreen, appropriate hats and sunglasses (optional) and seek shade when outdoors.

Visitors and parents are encouraged to role model SunSmart behaviours when participating in or attending outdoor activities with the school.

The information has been extracted from the [Cancer Council SA SunSmart policy information](#)

The school reviews its sun protection policy regularly (at least every three years) to ensure that the information remains current and relevant.

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